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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MEI-LING WU ET AL. ✓

Serial No.: 09/901,802 ✓

Filed: July 10, 2001 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1773 ✓

Examiner: Stevan A. Resan ✓

RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A  
LUBRICATING LAYER HAVING  
INCREASED THERMAL STABILITY  
Attorney Docket No. 284867-00040

AMENDMENT

May 27, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003. Accompanying this Amendment is a marked-up version of the claims.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 31, 34 and 35 as follows:

1. (Amended) A recording medium comprising:  
a substrate;  
a recording layer disposed on the substrate; and  
a lubricating layer disposed on the recording layer, wherein the  
lubricating layer comprises fluorinated carbon and a thermally stabilizing dopant, and has  
a thickness of less than 10 nm.